

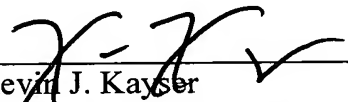
DECLARATION BY INVENTORS UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

We, Kevin J. Kayser and John J. Kilbane, II, do hereby declare and state as follows:


1. We are the original, first and joint inventors or discoverers of the invention or discovery claimed in a U.S. patent application entitled "METHOD FOR METABOLIZING CARBAZOLE IN PETROLEUM" having Serial No. 10/658,691 and a filing date of 09 September 2003 and in a U.S. provisional patent application entitled "ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF *SPHINGOMONAS* SP. GTIN11 CAPABLE OF CARBAZOLE METABOLISM IN PETROLEUM" having Serial No. 60/409,562 and a filing date of 10 September 2002.
1. We are co-authors together with Amrutha Daram and Javaneh Abbasian of a publication entitled "Isolation and Characterization of *Sphingomonas* sp. GTIN11 Capable of Carbazole Metabolism in Petroleum", Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications 297 (2002) 242-248.
2. At the time of the making of the invention claimed in the aforementioned patent applications, Amrutha Daram and Javaneh Abbasian were laboratory technicians working under our supervision and all work, including laboratory experiments, relating to our invention was conducted by them at our direction.
3. Amrutha Daram and Javaneh Abbasian did not in any way contribute to the making of our invention.
4. We further declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and

further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject application or any patent issued thereon.

Date 10-27-04


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Date 10/26/04


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